

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1, 3-5, and 9-17, and amend the remaining claims as follows:

1. Cancelled
2. (Currently Amended) The connector for a respiratory assembly of ~~claim 4~~
claim 18, wherein the first member is a tracheal tube and the second member is a ventilating tube.
3. Cancelled
4. Cancelled
5. Cancelled
6. (Currently Amended) The connector for a respiratory assembly of ~~claim 5~~
claim 18, wherein:

said first and second ends each having a stepped annular ring; and

further comprising a first and second retainer disposed in said respective annular rings for retaining said first and second sleeves in engagement with said respective first and second ends.
7. (Currently Amended) The connector for a respiratory assembly of ~~claim 4~~
claim 18, wherein said body, said first end, and said second end are plastic, are made by injection molding, and are substantially transparent.
8. (Currently Amended) The connector for a respiratory assembly of ~~claim 4~~
claim 18, wherein the first member is a tracheal tube and the second member is a humidifier tube.

Claims 9 through 17: Cancelled

18. (Previously Presented) A connector for a respiratory assembly, comprising:
a body having a first end defining a single opening and a second end defining a single opening, said body having a passageway for the transport of fluids and objects through said body, said body having about a 120° single constant bend between said first end and said second end, wherein the only access to said passageway is through said openings of said first and second ends;

a first female bell housing connected to said first end having a first annular rib;
a second female bell housing connected to said second end having a second annular rib;

a first sleeve disposed within said first female bell housing, said first sleeve having a first annular sealing member configured to engage said first annular rib and effect a hermetic seal between said passageway and the outside of the respiratory assembly;

a second sleeve disposed within said second female bell housing, said second sleeve having a second annular sealing member configured to engage said second annular rib and effect a hermetic seal between said passageway and the outside of the respiratory assembly;

wherein said first sleeve is adapted to engage a first member of the respiratory assembly and permit rotational motion between said body and the first member of the respiratory assembly;

wherein said second sleeve is adapted to engage a second member of the respiratory assembly and permit rotational motion between said body and the second member of the respiratory assembly; and

wherein said passageway of said body extends through said first sleeve and said second sleeve such that said passage\way changing direction at a single constant angle of about 120° through the entire said first sleeve, the entire said second sleeve, and the entire said body.